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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 642**

### **Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin**

*(Coauthors: Senators Alpert, Karnette, and Vasconcellos)*

February 19, 2003

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An act to add Section 60605.4 to the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 642, as amended, Mullin. Content standards: review.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, history/social science, and science, and to adopt content standards in other areas, including visual and performing arts and English language development. Existing law also requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide performance standards, as provided.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, commencing in 2005, to conduct a periodic review of the content standards for those areas, and as part of that review, to hold regional public hearings. The bill would require the ~~superintendent~~ *State Board of Education* to adopt *or reject* any changes ~~in~~ *to* the content standards deemed necessary or desirable and any conforming changes to the statewide performance standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1.   Section 60605.4 is added to the Education Code,  
2   to read:  
3     60605.4.   Commencing in 2005, the Superintendent of Public  
4   Instruction shall conduct a periodic review of the statewide content  
5   standards adopted pursuant to Sections 60605, 60605.1, and  
6   60811. As part of the review, the superintendent shall hold regional  
7   public hearings for the purpose of soliciting comments from the  
8   public and education professionals on the content standards.  
9   Following the review and public hearings, the ~~superintendent~~  
10  ~~State Board of Education~~ shall adopt *or reject* any changes to the  
11  content standards that the superintendent has deemed necessary or  
12  desirable and shall adopt conforming changes, as necessary, to the  
13  statewide performance standards. The review shall be timed to  
14  coincide with, and provide a foundation for, the periodic review  
15  of statewide curriculum frameworks and instructional materials.

